WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Welfare of Tribals

∗301. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI:

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that grants for the welfare of tribals were distributed to NGOs which were virtually non-existent;

(b) if so, the methodology adopted to scrutinize the legitimacy of these organizations while granting funds;

(c) whether Government initiated any action against the authority concerned for such corrupt practices;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per procedure laid down, proposals from NGOs are to be recommended by Collector of the district and sent to the Ministry by the State Government recommending the proposal, on the basis of the past performance of the organizations.

The Ministry also examines the proposal on the basis of the Annual Reports of the organizations and satisfies itself about the ability of the organization to implement the project, before sanctioning it.

(c) to (e) Wherever such instances come to the notice of the Ministry, the State Governments are asked to take necessary action for recovery of the grants previously released and initiating criminal action.